



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

18th March, 2016 Newsletter No. 3

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Our College Council for 2016 has now been formed and I would like to welcome two new members for 2016, Clive Fox, a new parent representative and Mathew Dean, a new staff (DET) representative. I would also like to congratulate Martin Hone, Mehgan Uren and Shane Penrose who have been re-elected to Council in the parent representative category. Congratulations also to Ian Toohill who has been re-elected as a staff (DET) representative.

I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment of parent category representative and outgoing Council President, Neal Topia. Neal was no longer eligible for Council this year as his daughter graduated in Year 12 last year. Neal has been a parent representative since 2011 and our Council President for the past two years. Neal has been an outstanding representative and President and has served on a number of sub-committees, including Finance Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, ESCOM and the Canteen Contract Renewal Committee. We have thoroughly appreciated Neal's guidance and support and on behalf of the College Council and our community, I thank him for his hard work and dedication to the College. Office bearers were elected at our March meeting and congratulations to new President, Martin Hone, Vice President, Elaine Major and Treasurer, Colin Baker.

## END OF TERM 1—EARLY DISMISSAL

**Thursday 24th March, 2016**  
**Students dismissed at 1:22pm**  
**Buses depart 1:30pm**

## TERM 2 COMMENCES 11TH APRIL, 2016

**COLLEGE OPEN DAY**  
**TUESDAY 19TH APRIL, 2016**

**STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 1:22PM**  
**BUSES DEPART AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30PM**

Our College Council for 2016 is now:

President:

Martin Hone

Vice President:

Elaine Major

Treasurer and Community Co-option:

Colin Baker

Parent Representatives:

Clive Fox

Martin Hone

Elaine Major

Shane Penrose

Wayne Pryor

Nicola Rooks

Mehgan Uren

Executive Officer (Principal/DET):

Allan Robinson

DET Representatives:

Mathew Dean

Mark Lohrey

Clara Rocca

Ian Toohill

Co-opted Student Representatives:

Ruby Panozzo

Shaun James

Ex-Officio, non voting members:

Lisa Ball (Business Manager)

Kerryn Murray (Minute Secretary)

Congratulations to Martin, Elaine and Colin on being appointed to these important leadership positions and I look forward to working with our 2016 College Council team in the governance of our College.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

In recent weeks, we have held two very informative Mathematics Information Evenings conducted in the College Auditorium for parents and students. Our Year 7-9 evening was particularly well attended and both evenings have been conducted by Mathematics and Numeracy Leading Teacher, Steve Horn. The first was in relation to Years 10-12 Mathematics on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February and the second on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March was for Years 7-9 Mathematics. Steve delivered two very insightful presentations outlining curriculum and teaching and learning practices in the Mathematics Learning Area. The parents attending then had the opportunity to discuss Maths at Monty with Members of the Faculty.

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February, our English and Literacy Leading Teacher, Caitlin Penrose, was interviewed about the new VCE English Course for 2016/2017 on ABC radio. Caitlin has

been involved at State Level on the Text Selection Panel and combined with the successes of our VCE English Program, she was invited by the Department of Education and the relevant authorities (VCAA) to be the Department's spokesperson on the Libby Gore program.

I would like to congratulate our Year 7 and Year 10 Student Leaders and also Junior School Leader, Sonia Culcasi and Assistant Principal, Clara Rocca for another inspirational annual *'Thinking Carnival'* on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. More than 300 students from Greensborough, Watsonia North and Sherbourne Primary Schools were involved. The teamwork, problem solving and creative thinking achieved by the students in their groups on the day was outstanding and vindicated the planning, hard work and efforts of all concerned. Impressively, we had 100 of our Year 7, and 120 Year 10 Student Leaders who facilitated the

day under the guidance of our staff.

We have had an unexpected staffing change at the end of this term. Our Music and Drama teacher, Matthew White has resigned from the Department of Education. Matthew has chosen a career change and we sincerely thank him for his efforts and teaching at the College for the past 5½ years. His 0.8 teaching position and also Faculty Leader of Classroom Music position will be taken up by Sharon Cooke who currently teaches Instrumental Music at the College one day per week. Sharon is a very experienced classroom Music teacher and Music Faculty Leader.

I wish all students and families a very happy and safe Easter and enjoy the term break.

Allan Robinson  
Principal

## MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

### OPEN DAY & SCHOOL TOURS



### WEEKLY TOURS

Small group tours and information sessions are conducted regularly at the College throughout February, March, April and May. Tours are capped in size to ensure each participant has a personalised tour. If you are considering enrolling your son or daughter at Montmorency Secondary College we warmly invite you to join us on a tour to see our College in action.

Bookings for College tours can now be made online via the College website [www.montysc.vic.edu.au](http://www.montysc.vic.edu.au)

Please allow one ticket per person (adult or child) attending.

If you need to cancel or change a booking please contact the General Office on 9422 1500. Bookings can also be made through the General Office.

### OPEN DAY AND INFORMATION EVENING

**TUESDAY 19th APRIL, 2016**

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

## Pastries and the Potential to Change the World

On Friday the 4th of March, Montmorency Secondary College's Resource Centre was the venue for an International Women's Day breakfast hosted by our local member of Parliament, Vicki Ward. The event commenced at 7am and all enjoyed a continental breakfast.

International Women's Day celebrates women who have achieved in social, economic and political areas. Women who strive to impact the world positively are also recognised. The breakfast was the second in the Nillumbik area, the first being held at Eltham High School last year.



All guests were female and those present at the breakfast were: Vicki Ward (MP), Cr Bronnie Hattam (Mayor of Nillumbik), Cr Helen Coleman (Deputy Mayor of Nillumbik), the 2015 DUXs from each year level, Middle School Captains, Senior School Captains, members of the Interact club, female teaching staff and former Pauline Toner Prize winner from 2015, Ruby Panozzo. Students from Eltham High School, Catholic Ladies College and St Helena also attended the breakfast.

A wide range of topics were discussed at the breakfast which included: gender parity, gender equality, changes which can be made and the well deserved future of hard working and dedicated women.



Dr Kylie Mason was the guest speaker at the breakfast and shared her inspiring story. Dr Kylie Mason is a clinical and laboratory haematologist from the Royal Melbourne Hospital and Walker and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research. In 2009, she received the Premier's Award for Medical Research. She was also the winner of the L'Oréal Women in Science Award in 2012.

The recipient of the 2016 Pauline Toner Award was a young woman who attends St Helena. She created a feminist collective and supports the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersexual students at her school.

Overall, the breakfast was a truly inspirational experience and all who attended are determined to make a difference.

*Macey Evans*



## WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

The College is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for Years 5 to 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school.

Students in Year 7 to 12 will participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 18th April to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. If you would like any further information regarding this survey please contact Assistant Principal, Clara Rocca.

## IT'S SHAVE TIME AGAIN! 29th April, 2016

The Interact Club will be running its annual 'Shave for a Cure' fundraising activity in support of the Leukaemia Foundation on Friday 29th April, 2016.

We ask all students to sign up with the school to at least colour their hair if not game to have a number one haircut and get family and friends to sponsor them.

Sponsorship forms will be available from the General Office at the beginning of Term 2.

**BE BRAVE AND SHAVE**



## 2016 Assessment of Language Competence

Students who are studying French or Japanese are encouraged to sit for this Language Certificate task to have their language skills assessed by this nation-wide test.

Please bring the required registration fee (\$12.00) in an envelope with the applicant's name and year level written on the front and hand in to Lubby by Friday 6 May. Certificate 1 for Yr 8 students, Certificate 2 for Yr 10 and Certificate 3 for 12 students.

All participants will receive a certificate noting their level of achievement.

Mayumi Yokoe  
Language Teacher

### TERM 1 AT A GLANCE

Thur 24th March	END OF TERM—Finish 1:22pm
Mon 11th April	First Day of Term 2
Tues 19th April	Open Day and Night
Thur 21st April	Athletics Carnival
Mon 25th April	Anzac Day

# SWIMMING RESULTS

## DISTRICT SWIMMING

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, the Monty Swimming Team competed in the District Swimming Competition at Aquarena. Our 21 swimmers achieved eight 1st places, seven 2nd places, and twenty five 3rd places.

Several students set new District records (NR) or achieved Personal Best (PB) times. Madi Bickerton took nearly 4 seconds off her time (Monty Carnival) for the 50m Backstroke. Tara Kinder smashed the District 13y IM record by over 14 seconds, and bettered the District Record in the 50m Butterfly to narrowly miss first place. Ryan Leaper was just 4 seconds outside the District Record with his PB for second in the 50m backstroke. Jamie Kuhn cruised comfortably through each of his events, picking up a couple of records along the way.

First and second place-getters qualify to swim at the NMR competition to be held at WaterMarc on Tuesday 22nd March, 2016.

Congratulations to our six qualifiers for the NMR Swimming Team.

Lauren GILES 8D:	14y Medley Relay
Tara KINDER 7G:	13y 50m Breaststroke, 13y 50m Backstroke, 15y 200m Individual Medley, 13y 50m Freestyle, 13y 50m Butterfly, 14y Medley Relay
Jamie KUHN 11B:	Open 100m Breaststroke, 17y 50m Breaststroke, Open 200m Individual Medley
Ryan LEAPER 9A:	15y 50m Backstroke
Molly SIEDE 7C:	14y Medley Relay.
Sarah STREAT 8G:	14y 50m Freestyle, 14y 50m Breaststroke, 14y Medley Relay.

Each of our students took a turn at holding a stop watch on the pool deck to help run the competition. A huge thank you to Melinda Robertson and David Risteski who officiated on the pool deck as finish marshall and judge all day. And a very special thank you to Debra Kinder who volunteered to officiate Start Marshall.

Bruce Collins

## NORTHERN REGION SWIMMING

On Tuesday 22nd March, the Monty Swimming Team competed at the Northern Metropolitan Region Swimming Competition at WaterMarc. Our eight swimmers achieved seven 1st places, four 2nd places, and two 3rd places.

Andrew Rice won each of his three races: though he was challenged to narrowly win the 100m Freestyle, he was clearly in a class of his own in each of the 50m and 100m Backstroke races. Tara Kinder had a big program having qualified for five individual events. She too came up against very strong competitors in each of her shorter 50m races, winning one and narrowly coming second in three others, but she easily won the 200m Individual Medley. Jamie Kuhn achieved a first and a close second place in each of his shorter events, but, like Tara, he demonstrated superior endurance and technique to easily win the 200m IM by over 15m.

Sarah Street was highly competitive in each of her two individual events achieving a third place and a fourth place in close finishes. Ryan Leaper competed strongly in the 50m Backstroke and showed great potential being level with the leader at 30m before fading to third over the last few meters to more experienced swimmers. Logan Plant competed in the 200m Freestyle, swimming strongly against some older boys to achieve a very creditable fifth place.

Our Individual Medley Team (Molly Siede, Sarah Street, Tara Kinder and Lauren Giles) swam a good race to achieve fifth in a quality field.

First and second place-getters progress to swim at the SSV State Championships to be held at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 19th April (week 2 of term 2).

Congratulations to our three athletes who have qualified to contest seven events at State Championships.

Andrew RICE 12A:	16-20y 100 Freestyle, 12-20y 100m Backstroke, 18-20 50m Backstroke
Tara KINDER 7G: 1	3y 50m Breaststroke, 15y 200m Individual Medley
Jamie KUHN 11B:	12-20y 100m Breaststroke, 16-20y 200m Individual Medley

Again Monty was represented on the pool deck with Debra Kinder and Martin Hone officiating as Starter and Referee – thank you both.

Bruce Collins



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- a personalised feedback report and interactive online modules, OR
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- are a parent or guardian of a child aged 12 to 15
- live in Australia,
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### Questions? Contact us:

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Phone: (03) 9905 1250

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## STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

All students aged 17 years and over who travel on public transport are required to obtain a Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement.

Students must carry a VPT Student Concession Card with them at all times when travelling—this is proof of entitlement to travel on a concession fare on public transport.

To apply for a VPT Student Concession Card students must complete the application form which is available from the General Office, metropolitan premium train stations or online at [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au)

Once the form is completed it must be authorised by the College and then lodged at a metropolitan premium train station who will issue the card (\$9 fee applies).

For further information or any queries visit [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 800 007.